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New assignments for Witmer sisters

Sgt. Charity Witmer and Spc. Rachel Witmer reported to duty Monday, May 3, so they could be reassigned to new active duty positions serving with other Wisconsin Army National Guard soldiers in Wisconsin. The soldiers announced last week [on April 27] they would heed advice from their commanders and the adjutant general of Wisconsin to seek stateside assignments until their active duty obligations were fulfilled.

Spc. Rachel Witmer has been reassigned to an air base security mission at the Air Force Reserve's 440th Airlift Wing at Mitchell Field, Milwaukee, Wis. She is expected to begin this assignment this week. This is an established Noble Eagle mission supported by Wisconsin Army National Guard troops since February 2003. Spc. Witmer's training and experience as a military police soldier will allow her to make important contributions while serving out her active duty service obligation until her unit, the 32nd Military Police Company, completes its mission and returns to Wisconsin.

Sgt. Charity Witmer has been reassigned to a Community Based Health Care Organization (CBHCO) in Madison with duty in Waukesha, Wis. She is expected to begin the assignment this week. CBHCOs have been established by the Army in several states to coordinate health care, process medical evaluation boards and provide command and control for mobilized Army National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers who are in medical holdover status. The CBHCO in Wisconsin is staffed by Wisconsin Army National Guard soldiers on active duty. As a medic, Sgt. Witmer will assist soldiers with case management and administrative services. We expect that Sgt. Witmer will continue these duties until her unit, Company B 118th Medical Battalion, completes its mission and returns to Wisconsin in the February 2005 timeframe.

At this time, there will be no opportunities for news organizations to cover either Sgt. Charity Witmer or Spc. Rachel Witmer on duty in their new assignments.

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